Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Spring term of Year 1, we hope that you all had a relaxing break. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for the kind gifts we received. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and felt truly spoilt. Logistically this term will run in much of the same way as last term with Mrs Gunn teaching at the beginning of the week and Mrs Donaldson at the end of the week.

Enquiry

Our enquiry for the Spring term is centred around two 'big questions'. Our Enquiry will have a Geography focus, we will look at the countries of the UK, seas and oceans and then we will look further afield at the continents.

The 'Hand' part to this enquiry will be centred around the children designing and preparing different foods that are traditionally eaten in the four countries of the United Kingdom.

We will continue with the use of Knowledge Organisers for our enquiry and science learning this year and have again attached these for your information. We will be using these as a scaffold to help children secure the key facts and knowledge that they will learn throughout the enquiry. This term we will continue with our mini knowledge organiser quizzes.

Reading

Please continue to hear your child / children read at least 4 times per week. We can't stress how important regular reading at home is and really makes a difference to the progress the children can potentially make with their reading. Please sign your child / children's reading records so that we can celebrate this with the children in class.

We will continue to change reading books in the same way and actively encourage children to independently change their books. The children will be involved in reading activities throughout the school day ranging from whole class reading sessions, reading in phonics sessions, reading for pleasure, using the school library and so on. We will endeavour to hear the children read on an individual basis at least once a week. The children have loved choosing books from the library to bring home and share with you, we will continue to have the opportunity to change library books each Tuesday.

Uniform

Please ensure that any items of clothing are clearly labelled – it makes returning lost items much easier. Please ensure your child / children have their coats in school each day.

PE

This term our PE days will continue to be on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please send your child / children to school wearing their PE kits on these days. There may be a few occasions throughout the year when they are required to wear PE kit on other days – we will always inform you of any changes via School Ping in advance. We will continue to take part in outdoor PE as much as we can so jogging bottoms and jumpers will be necessary.

Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning will continue to take place on Wednesday afternoons – please ensure your child / children have welly boots and a coat in school for these sessions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Vicki Gunn and Kathy Donaldson